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81. (Amended) A method for enhancing the purification of a tropoelastin comprising including a peptidomimetic molecule according to any one of claims 76 to 80 in a crude tropoelastin preparation which is being subjected to purification.

Add new claim 87 as follows.

87. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a peptidomimetic molecule according to any one of claims 76 to 80 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this second preliminary amendment, claims 1-22, 42-56, 76-81, and 87 are in this application. New claim 87 is supported by original claim 82 and throughout the specification. A copy of amended claims 1, 42 and 81 showing deletions is attached as Appendix A. No new matter is added by this preliminary amendment.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the pending claims.

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